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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Final Office Action dated May 2, 2006, the Examiner indicated that Claims 35-37, 43, 44 and 74 were allowed.

Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment to place this application in form for allowance. For this reason, independent Claims 1, 9, 39 and 61 that were rejected over prior art are canceled herewith.

Dependent Claims 2, 6-8, 63 and 64 are amended to depend from allowable Claim 35, and hence they are also allowable over the prior art for at least the same reasons as Claim 35. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the prior art rejection of Claims 2 and 6-8, 63 and 64. Furthermore, these dependent claims are amended, where necessary, to ensure antecedent basis for their limitations in independent Claim 35. Hence, Claims 2 and 6-8, 63 and 64 are now in form for allowance.

Moreover, Claims 14-16, 40, 41 and 65 are amended to depend from allowable Claim 43, and hence they are also allowable over the prior art for at least the same reasons as Claim 43. So, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the prior art rejection of Claims 14-16, 40, 41 and 65. These dependent claims are amended where necessary to ensure antecedent basis for their limitations in independent Claim 43. Hence, Claims 14-16, 40, 41 and 65 are now believed to be in form for allowance.

New Claim 75 depends from Claim 43 and is otherwise identical to previously presented Claim 74 which has been allowed. Hence, Claim 75 is also allowable.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 982-8203.

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